the changing world economic situation and the need to plan in advance for realising the full potential of such cooperation.

(c) and (d) SAARC Summits are held by rotation in different SAARC member-countries. India's turn came in 1986. The Government of India would wait for its next turn for holding the Summit again in India.

Rally by Kashmiri Migrants

3350. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kashmiri migrants held a rally at New Delhi on the 21st August, 1990;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these rallyists have made some demands;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take any action on these demands; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (f) Government have seen the news item that the Kashmiri migrants held a rally on 21-8-90 at Boat Club in New Delhi. The migrants have been projecting various demands including their rehabilitation outside the State. The Govt. is not considering permanent rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants outside the State, but programme for providing basic needs to them in Jammu and at Delhi till the situation permits return to their homes have been undertaken on priority. Eligible migrant families have been given cash relief and dry ration. Arrangements for admission of school and college students, payment of pension, leave salary till their temporary adjustment elsewhere, transfer of LIC premium and bank accounts, are in operation.

Government is making all possible efforts to bring back normalcy to J&K. Stringent measure are being taken to curb terrorism in the State.

Conversion of telephone exchanges into electronic automatic exchanges in Maharashtra

3351. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of exchanges in Maharashtra which are proposed to be covered into electronic|automatic exchanges during the year 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) what new steps are contemplated to expand the communication net-work in Maharashtra; and

(c) what is the specific period by which the above work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) About 300 numbers of exchanges in 1990-91 and about 250 numbers in 1991-92 are proposed to be converted into electronic| automatic in Maharashtra Circle.

(b) and (c) Telecommunications network in Maharashtra is planned to be expanded with:

(i) Installation of more and more electronic exchanges.

(ii) Automatisation of manual exchanges.

(iii) Opening of long distance public telephones with stable media for rural communications.

(iv) Opening of more numbers of urban public call offices.

(v) Providing STD at remaining district headquarters and extending to sub-divisional headquarters, tourist centres etc.

(vi) Providing phone to village panchayat.

(vii) Providing telex connection on demand.

(viii) Introduce new services like FAX etc.

In 8th Five Year Plan, however, depending upon the plan outlay and equipment availability.

Unloading and bagging machine at Nhavasheva port

3352. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an automatic unloading and bagging machine at Nhavasheva Port in Bombay;

(b) whether it is also a fact that jute bags cannot be handled for bagging in this machine.

(c) whether it is a fact that due to this machine an indigenous labour oriented industry like jute is being affected and as such the machines should be redesigned immediately, so that it can handle jute bags; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Bagging and Stitching machine at the Port can handle jute bags of specified quality. No modification of the plant is necessary as it can handle indigenous jute bags of the specified quality.

Upgrading the official level talks between India and Pakistan

3353. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction on the plea of the Pakistani caretaker Premier Mr. Gulam Mustafa Jatai to consider upgrading the current official level talks between the two countries;

(b) what is Government's reaction to the charge made by the Pakistan Premier in his Independence Day address that Indian troops were being assembled on its borders; and

(c) whether the Pakistan Premier has also stated that Pakistan would continue to help extremists for self determination, if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Government believe that more upgradation of talks will not help. Pakistan must in the first instance stop its support to terrorism and subversion in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir and create conditions in which meaningful discussions can take place for normalisation of relations.

(b) Government have explained to Pakistan that troop deployments are mere symptoms while the root cause of the present tensions is Pakistan's support to terrorism directed against Indian.

(c) Contrary to facts, Pakistan claims that it is not involved in terrorism in Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir.

Escape by undertrials from a Jail van in east Delhi

3354. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether seven undertrials made a sensational escape from a moving jail van in East Delhi, on 10th August, 1990, as they were being transported